

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the subject application as amended herein is respectfully requested.

Briefly, the present invention pertains to a camera module for mobile communication devices. The camera module comprises an image capture device unit and an LED unit and is connected to a connector unit installed in a motherboard by means of an FPC (flexible printed circuit). Since the FPC is flexible, the camera module can be installed so that it is movable with respect to the motherboard. For this reason, the camera module can be installed in any position of the communication terminal, and can even be used as a rotary camera module as described in the specification in conjunction with Fig. 12. In addition, the second FPC between the image capture unit of the camera module and the LED unit provides further flexibility for the invention.

The present invention is non-obvious because it uses only a single connector installed in the motherboard, as described in the last paragraph of claim 1 and the last paragraph of claim 10. By limiting the camera module to a single connector, the present invention requires less space when installed in the motherboard.

US Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0036365 to Kuroda ("Kuroda") discloses a flash 12 connected directly to a PCB and a camera module 6 connected to the PCB via connector 15. Therefore, Kuroda requires two electrical connections, one between the flash 12 and the PCB and one between the camera module 6 and the PCB.

US Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0036845 to Park ("Park") is limited to a single connector 121. But that is because Park is also limited to a camera module without a flash. The present invention involves an improvement in a camera module whereby the camera module is combined with a flash are both are connected to the main circuit board via a single electrical connector. Therefore, the single connector in Park does not disclose the "both the image capture device unit and the LED are connected to the mother board via only one connector unit" of the claims.

Thus, the Applicants' invention is patently distinguishable over the prior art and should be allowed.


Enclosed herewith is a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 (a) along with an EFT payment of \$ 460.00 to cover the appropriate fee under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)(2).

If any additional fee is required, Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of any such fee or credit any overpayment to the Firm's Deposit Account No.07-1730, Docket No. 4611-054.

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